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### GENERAL WILLIAM V. McBRIDE

General William V. McBride is Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

General McBride was born in Wampum, Pa., on May 25, 1922. He received his high school education in that town and later attended the Garfield Business Institute, Beaver Falls, Pa. In 1950 he attended New York University, New York City.

General McBride enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and entered aviation cadet training. He completed navigation training at the Pan American Airways Navigation School, Coral Gables, Fla., and was graduated as a second lieutenant. He next attended bombardier school in Carlsbad, N. Mex., and in March 1943 entered combat crew training as a navigator-bombardier in B-26 aircraft at MacDill Field, Fla.

In July 1943 General McBride joined the 387th Bombardment Group in the European Theater of Operations as squadron navigator and later served as group navigator. He helped plan and flew on many of the important missions in support of the Allied ground forces offensive, including D-Day operations.

After World War II, he trained new navigators at Ellington Army Air Field, Tex., and then was assigned to Lackland Army Air Field, Tex., to help organize the present Air Force basic training base. He attended basic and advanced pilot training at Randolph Air Force Base, Tex., and Barksdale Air Force Base, La., in 1947-1948, to become a triple-rated officer.

Since that time, many of his military assignments have been in the Military Airlift Command in weather reconnaissance, air rescue and airlift functions.

During the Korean War, he commanded the Second Air Rescue Group in Okinawa and in the Philippines. After a tour of duty in Headquarters Air Rescue Service as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, he commanded the Eighth Air Rescue Group at Stead Air Force Base, Nev., during 1956-1957. He then commanded the 1608th Air Transport Group (MATS) at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. The group was responsible for providing airlift to Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

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In 1959 General McBride was assigned as a student to the National War College in Washington, D.C., and in early 1960, as a member of a small official group of National War College students, visited Moscow and toured points of interest in the Soviet Union.

In July 1960 he was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Directorate of Plans, to work on problems related to counterinsurgency and special warfare. He served first as Assistant Chief of the Cold War Division and later as the Chief of the Special Warfare Division.

In June 1964 he was selected by Secretary of the Air Force Eugene M. Zuckert to become his military assistant. When Secretary Harold Brown replaced Mr. Zuckert in October 1965, General McBride remained as the military assistant where he was called on to advise and assist the Secretary and Under Secretary on operational, planning and programming matters.

He was assigned as Commander of the 437th Military Airlift Wing (MAC), Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., in August 1966. General McBride was assigned to Headquarters Military Airlift Command in March 1969 as Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel; he became Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, in September 1969; and Chief of Staff, Military Airlift Command, in March 1970.

General McBride was assigned as Vice Commander in Chief, United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), with headquarters at Lindsey Air Station, Wiesbaden, Germany, in September 1971. He assumed command of Air Training Command in September 1972, and became Commander of Air Force Logistics Command in September 1974.

General McBride was appointed Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, effective Sept. 1, 1975.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with 2 oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 13 oak leaf clusters, Presidential Unit Citation Emblem, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon with 1 oak leaf cluster, and French Croix de Guerre with gold star. He is a command pilot and a navigator.

General McBride is married to the former Kathryn Solsberg of Wampum, Pa. They have one daughter, Kathy Lee McBride Davis of Brandon, Fla. His hometown is Wampum, Pa.

He was promoted to the grade of general effective Sept. 1, 1974, with same date of rank.



PERSONAL FACT SHEET - General William V. McBride

A. Personal Data

1. Born - May 25, 1922, Wampum, Pa.; father - Vincent Raymond McBride (deceased); mother - Iva Elizabeth Kirkwood.
2. Married - July 21, 1944; wife - Kathryn Adeline Solsberg; children - Kathy Lee McBride Davis.
3. Hometown - Wampum, Pa.

B. Education

1. Graduate, Wampum High School, Wampum, Pa., 1939.
2. Graduate, Garfield Business Institute, Beaver Falls, Pa., 1941.
3. Graduate, Army Air Corps Navigation School, Coral Gables, Fla., 1943.
4. Graduate, Army Air Corps Bombardier School, Carlsbad, N. Mex., 1943.
5. Graduate, Advanced Flying School, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., 1948.
6. Attended, New York University, New York City, 1950.
7. National War College, Washington, D.C., 1960.

C. Service

1. Mar 1942 - May 1942 Pvt., U.S. Army.
2. May 1942 - Jan 1943 Avn. cadet, Pan Am. Airways Nav. Sch.,  
Coral Gables, Fla.
3. Feb 1943 - Mar 1943 Bmbdr. Sch., Carlsbad AAF, Carlsbad, N. Mex.
4. Mar 1943 - July 1943 Nav., 21st Bomb. Gp., MacDill AAF & Lakeland  
AAF, Fla.
5. July 1943 - Dec 1943 Nav., 556th Bomb. Sq., 387th Bomb. Gp., England.
6. Jan 1944 - July 1944 Sq. nav., 556th Bomb. Sq., 387th Bomb. Gp.,  
England.
7. July 1944 - Oct 1945 Nav., 387th Bomb. Gp., England, France &  
Holland.
8. Nov 1945 - Mar 1946 Adv. Nav. Sch., Ellington AAF, Tex.
9. Mar 1946 - July 1947 Sch. Sec., Basic Tng. Sch., Lackland AAF, Tex.
10. July 1947 - July 1948 Fly. Sch., Randolph AFB, Tex., & Barksdale  
AFB, La.
11. Aug 1948 - Aug 1949 Exec. off., 308th Wea. Recon. Gp., Travis  
AFB, Calif.
12. Sept 1949 - Sept 1950 Stu., NYU, N.Y.
13. Sept 1950 - Dec 1950 Ops. off., 308th Wea. Recon. Gp., Tinker  
AFB, Okla.
14. Jan 1951 - Mar 1952 Dep. Comdr., 2d Air Resc. Sq., Kadena AB,  
Okinawa.
15. Mar 1952 - Oct 1953 Comdr., 2d Air Resc. Gp., Clark AB, the  
Philippines.

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16. Oct 1953 - Apr 1954 Asst. Dir. of Ops., Hq. Air Resc. Svc.,  
Washington, D.C.

17. Apr 1954 - May 1956 DCS, Plans, Hq. Air Resc. Svc., Orlando, Fla.

18. May 1956 - June 1957 Comdr., 8th Air Resc. Gp., Stead AFB, Nev.

19. July 1957 - July 1959 Comdr., 1608th Air Trnsp. Gp. (MATS), Charleston  
AFB, S.C.

20. Aug 1959 - July 1960 Stu., NWC, Washington, D.C.

21. July 1960 - July 1962 Asst. Ch., Cold War Div., DCS, P&O, Hq. USAF,  
Washington, D.C.

22. July 1962 - June 1964 Ch., Spec. Warfare Div., DCS, P&O, Hq. USAF,  
Washington, D.C.

23. June 1964 - July 1966 Mil. Asst. to SAF, Washington, D.C.

24. Aug 1966 - Mar 1969 Comdr., 437th Mil. Alft. Wg., Charleston AFB,  
S.C.

25. Mar 1969 - Sept 1969 DCS, Mat., Hq. MAC, Scott AFB, Ill.

26. Sept 1969 - Mar 1970 DCS, Ops., Hq. MAC, Scott AFB, Ill.

27. Mar 1970 - Aug 1971 CofS, Hq. MAC, Scott AFB, Ill.

28. Sept 1971 - Sept 1972 Vice CINCUSAFE, Wiesbaden, Germany.

29. Sept 1972 - Sept 1974 Comdr., ATC, Randolph AFB, Tex.

30. Sept 1974 - Sept 1975 Comdr., AFLC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

31. Sept 1975 - Present Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, Washington,  
D.C.

#### D. Decorations and Service Awards

Distinguished Service Medal w/2 oak leaf clusters	World War II Victory Medal
Legion of Merit w/2 oak leaf clusters	Army of Occupation Medal (Japan)
Distinguished Flying Cross	National Defense Service Medal w/1 service star
Air Medal w/13 oak leaf clusters	Korean Service Medal
Presidential Unit Citation Emblem	Vietnam Service Medal w/3 service stars
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	Air Force Longevity Service Award
Ribbon w/1 oak leaf cluster	Ribbon w/7 oak leaf clusters
American Campaign Medal	Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal w/6 service stars	United Nations Service Medal
	French Croix de Guerre w/gold star

#### E. Effective Dates of Promotions

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2d Lt	Jan 30, 1943	
1st Lt	Dec 13, 1943	July 3, 1947
Capt	June 10, 1944	Oct 25, 1948
Maj	May 16, 1945	Jan 23, 1952
Lt Col	Feb 20, 1951	July 1, 1959
Col	June 15, 1954	Dec 22, 1960
Brig Gen	Nov 30, 1965	Jan 6, 1966
Maj Gen	Mar 1, 1969	Feb 24, 1970
Lt Gen	Sept 1, 1971	
Gen	Sept 1, 1974	

(Date of rank Sept. 1, 1974)

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Biographical Sketch

COL GLEN J. McCLERNON

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Colonel Glen J. McClernon is SMAMA's new Director of Maintenance Engineering, a position for which he is extremely well qualified, having spent most of his military career in this field.

Colonel McClernon was born September 2, 1918, in Springfield, Missouri. It was here he attended Missouri State College for three years, majoring in Business Administration. A short period of employment with the Missouri Highway Department followed.

He entered military service March 15, 1941 at Scott Field, Missouri, and received his pilot's training at Maxwell Field, Alabama. After further courses at Maxwell, McClernon served in the European Theater of operations in World War II, from August 1942 to November 1943. During this time he saw active duty in Africa, Italy, and over France, chalking up 200 combat hours in a P-38.

Upon returning to the States in 1943, McClernon was assigned as an instructor in the School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Florida. He then went to Wright Field in various capacities in the Hq AMC Engineering Division. Still involved in materiel, he proceeded to Hq USAF in June 1950. Assigned to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel, he became Deputy Director of Procurement in 1953. During this period, on 18 June 1952, he became a full colonel.

A year of study at the Air War College in Alabama preceded a tour of duty in the Pacific area which lasted from August 1955 until July 1958.

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He served as Director of Maintenance Engineering, Air Materiel Force, Pacific Area, spending 2 years in Japan and 1 year in Hawaii.

It was on 25 July 1958 that Colonel McClernon came to McClellan, as Deputy for Depot Maintenance, Directorate of Maintenance Engineering. He was appointed Deputy for Production in that directorate on 13 February 1959. A year later - 26 February 1960 - upon the death of Colonel Arthur W. Schmitt, he succeeded to the position of Director.

Colonel McClernon holds the Legion of Merit award as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three clusters, and many others. He is a command pilot with over 3700 hours to his credit.

Colonel McClernon's wife is the former Margaret E. Greene. They have three children, Lynn, 17; Judy, 13; and Michael, 6. The family resides at McClellan AFB, quarters in Capehart Housing.

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COLONEL GLEN J. McCLERNON  
Director of Maintenance

Colonel McClernon assumed his present duties as Director of Maintenance, Sacramento Air Materiel Area, on February 26, 1960, following an assignment as Deputy for Depot Maintenance upon his arrival at McClellan Air Force Base on July 25, 1958.

Colonel McClernon was born September 2, 1918, in Springfield, Missouri. He attended Missouri State College for three years where he majored in business administration. He entered military service on March 15, 1941 at Scott Field, Illinois, and received his flying training at Maxwell Field, Alabama. The Colonel is a graduate of the Air War College in Alabama.

Colonel McClernon served in the European Theater of Operations during World War II from August 1942 to November 1943, flying 200 combat hours in P-38's over Africa, Italy and France.

Stateside assignments from 1943 to 1950 included instructor in the School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Florida and a variety of duties in the Engineering Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. In 1950 he was transferred to Headquarters, U. S. Air Force where he was assigned as Chief of Production Engineering and later as Deputy Director of Procurement.

Colonel McClernon served as Director of Maintenance Engineering, Air Materiel Force, Pacific, spending two years in Japan and one year in Hawaii, until his assignment at McClellan Air Force Base in 1958.

Among the decorations worn by the Colonel are the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Colonel and Mrs. McClernon, the former Margaret E. Greene of Fort Benning, Georgia, reside at 7816 Seneca Way, North Highlands. They have three children: Lynn, 18; Judy, 14; and Michael, 7.

Up to date as of 14 April 1961





Brig. Gen. G. J. McClure





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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### GENERAL JOHN P. McCONNELL

General John Paul McConnell, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, has a distinguished military career which began in 1932 with his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

A native of Booneville, Ark., General McConnell graduated magna cum laude from Henderson Brown College at Arkadelphia, Ark., with a bachelor of science degree in 1927. He entered West Point a year later and, at the time of his graduation in 1932, was First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. After taking flying training at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Tex., he received his wings in 1933.

A fighter pilot during his early years in the then Army Air Corps, General McConnell gained broad experience through a variety of operational and administrative assignments, including duty as Assistant Executive in the Office of the Chief of Air Forces in Washington. Subsequently, he served in key Air Force positions in both Asia and Europe.

In 1943 he became Chief of Staff of the China-Burma-India Air Force Training Command at Karachi, India, and remained in Asia for the rest of the war. While Senior Air Staff Officer, Air Command Southeast Asia, and Deputy Commander of the Third Tactical Air Force in 1944, he participated in combat operations against the Japanese in Burma. In 1946 he was named Senior Air Adviser to the Chinese Government and, at the same time, commanded the Air Division, Nanking Headquarters Command.

The general returned to Air Force Headquarters in Washington in 1947 to become Chief of the Reserve and National Guard Division and, the next year, was appointed Chief of the Air Force's Civilian Components Group. Assigned to England in 1950, he served as Deputy Commander and later, Commander of the Third Air Force. He then took command of the 7th Air Division of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), commanding the Third Air Force at the same time.

This was followed by a four-year tour as Director of Plans at the Headquarters of SAC, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. In 1957 he was named Commander of SAC's Second Air Force with headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and four years later returned to SAC Headquarters to become Vice Commander in Chief.

In 1962 General McConnell was assigned to Europe as Deputy Commander in Chief of the United States European Command and promoted to four-star rank. He was appointed Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force in August 1964, and assumed his present position on Feb. 1, 1965. His appointment as Chief of

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Staff of the United States Air Force was extended to July 1969.

As Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, General McConnell serves in a dual capacity. He is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which, as a body, acts as the principal military adviser to the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense. In his other capacity, General McConnell is responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force for managing the vast human and materiel resources of the world's most powerful aerospace force.

The general's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, and numerous foreign awards, including Commander of the Order of the British Empire and the Legion of Honor - Degree of Commander (France).

General McConnell is married to the former Sally Dean whom he met during World War II in Ceylon where she served as a WAC officer on the staff of Lord Mountbatten. They have two sons, Bruce and Dorsey.

In June 1965, General McConnell was presented an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio. He also received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark., in June 1966.



PERSONAL FACT SHEET

A. Personal Data:

1. Born - Feb 7, 1908, Booneville, Ark.; father - Dr. S.P. McConnell; mother - Desseau Dorsey McConnell (deceased).

2. Married - Nov 1946; wife - Sally Dean McConnell; children - Bruce and Dorsey.

3. Hometown - Booneville, Ark.

B. Education:

1. Graduate High School, Booneville, Ark., 1923.

2. Graduate Henderson Brown (now Henderson State) College, Arkadelphia, Ark., B.S. degree, magna cum laude, 1927.

3. Graduate U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 1932.

4. Graduate Flying Schools, Randolph and Kelly Flds., Tex., 1933.

C. Service:

1. Sept 1928 - June 1932 Cadet, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

2. July 1932 - Oct 1933 Flying Schools, Randolph and Kelly Flds., Tex.

3. Nov 1933 - June 1937 79th Pursuit Sq., Barksdale Fld., La.

4. June 1937 - June 1939 50th Observation Sq., Luke Fld., Hawaii;  
Post and Group Adjutant, 5th Bomb. Gp., Hickam Fld., Hawaii.

5. June 1939 - July 1940 Assistant Engineering Officer, 91st School Sq., and then Assistant Post Adjutant, Maxwell Fld., Ala.

6. July 1940 - Jan 1942 Adjutant, Southeast Air Corps Training Center and Aide to Brig. Gen. W. R. Weaver.

7. Jan 1942 - May 1942 Assistant Executive to Acting Chief, Office, Chief of Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

8. May 1942 - Sept 1943 Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff, Hq. AAF Command (Technical Training), Knollwood Fld., N.C.

9. Sept 1943 - Nov 1943 Deputy Chief of Staff, Hq. AAF Training Command, Fort Worth, Tex.

10. Nov 1943 - Feb 1944 Chief of Staff, China-Burma-India Air Force Training Command (Provisional), Karachi, India.

11. Feb 1944 - Sept 1944 Senior Air Staff Officer and Deputy Commander, 3rd Tactical Air Force, Comilla, India.

12. Sept 1944 - June 1945 Senior Air Staff Officer, Southeast Asia Air Command, Kandy, Ceylon.

13. June 1945 - Apr 1946 Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Intelligence, Eastern Air Command, Chungking, China.

14. Apr 1946 - June 1947 Commander, Air Division, Nanking Hq. Command, and Senior Air Adviser to Chinese Government.

15. June 1947 - May 1948 Chief, Reserve and National Guard Division, Hq. AAF, Washington, D.C.

16. May 1948 - Dec 1948 Chief, Civilian Components Group, Hq. U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

17. Dec 1948 - July 1950 Deputy Special Assistant to Chief of Staff for Reserve Forces, Hq. U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

18. July 1950 - May 1951 Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, Hq. 3rd Air Division and 3rd Air Force, England (USAFE).

19. May 1951 - Feb 1952 Commander, 7th Air Division, England (SAC).

20. Feb 1952 - May 1952 Commander, 3rd Air Force and 7th Air Division, England (USAFE and SAC).

21. May 1952 - Mar 1953 Commander, 7th Air Division, England (SAC).

22. Apr 1953 - Nov 1957 Deputy Director and Director of Plans, Hq. SAC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

23. Nov 1957 - Aug 1961 Commander, 2nd Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La., (SAC).

24. Aug 1961 - Sept 1962 Vice Commander in Chief, SAC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

25. Sept 1962 - Aug 1964 Deputy Commander in Chief, United States European Command, Camp de Loges, France.

26. Aug 1964 - Jan 1965 Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

27. Feb 1965 - Present Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.

D. Decorations and Service Awards:

Distinguished Service Medal  
Legion of Merit  
w/3 oak leaf clusters  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Bronze Star Medal  
Air Medal  
American Defense Service Medal  
American Campaign Medal  
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign  
Medal w/4 service stars  
World War II Victory Medal

National Defense Service Medal  
w/1 service star  
Air Force Longevity Service Award  
Ribbon w/7 oak leaf clusters  
Commander of the Order of the  
British Empire  
Tashou Cloud Banner Decoration  
Lo Shou Decoration of Chinese  
Air Force  
Chinese Air Force Pilot's Wings  
Pao Ting Medal with Banner Ribbon

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D. Decorations and Service Awards: (Cont'd)

Grand Cordon of Yun Hui (2nd Class)  
 Collar Order of Pao Ting (5th Class)  
 Republic of Vietnam Air Force  
 Cross, 1st Order  
 Republic of Vietnam Distinguished  
 Flying Medal  
 Great Star of Military Merit, Chile  
 Royal Thai Air Force Command Pilot  
 Wings, Thailand  
 Republic of Vietnam Command Pilot  
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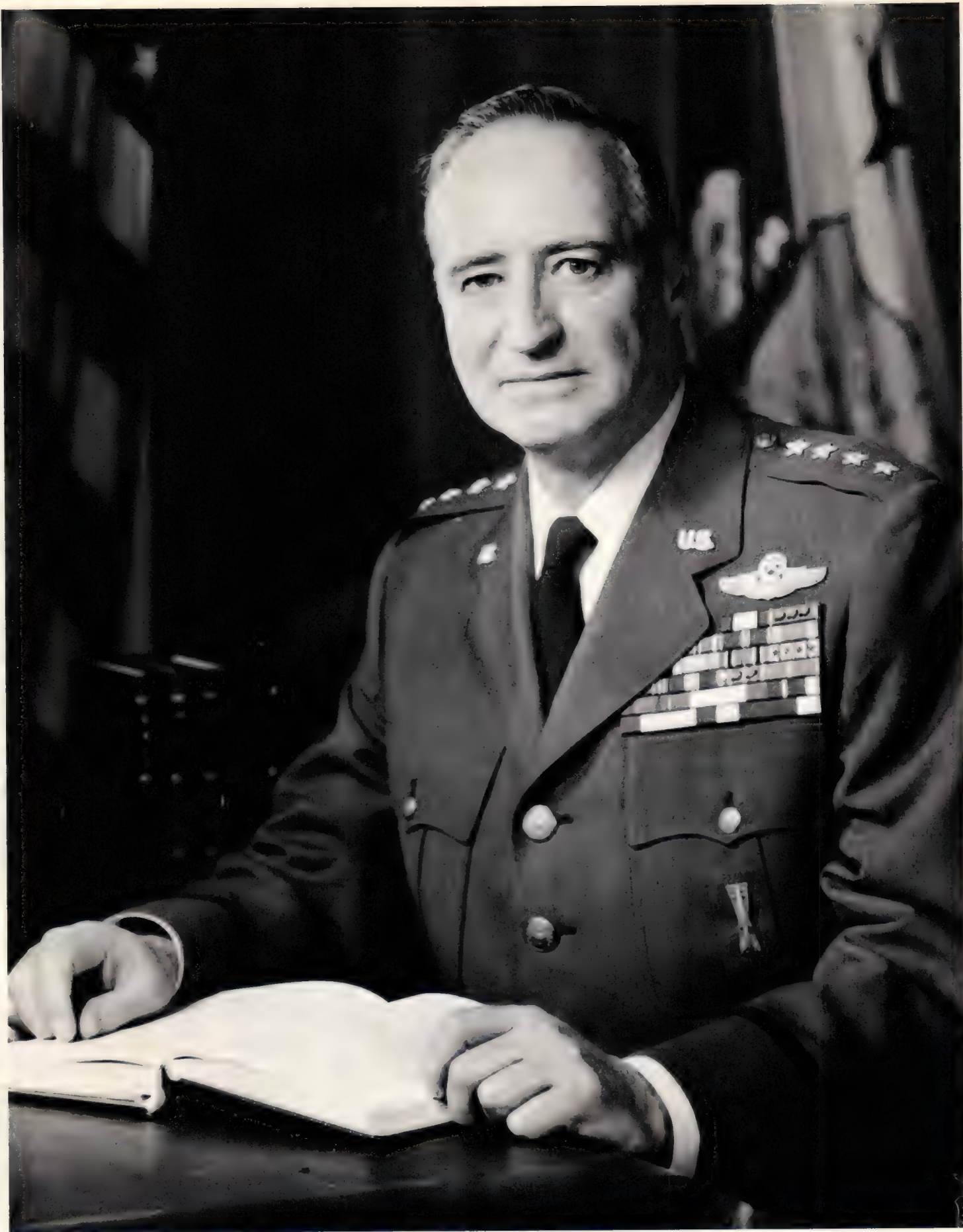
The First Class of the Order of  
 the Rising Sun w/Grand Cordon  
 (Japan)  
 The Order of Service Merit, First  
 Class (Korea)  
 The Most Exalted Order of the  
 White Elephant (Thailand)  
 Order of Aeronautical Merit,  
 Grade of Grand Official(Brazil)  
 Legion of Honor - Degree of  
 Commander (France)

E. Effective Dates of Promotions:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2d Lt	June 10, 1932	June 10, 1932
1st Lt	Apr 20, 1935	Aug 1, 1935
Capt	Sept 9, 1940	June 10, 1942
Maj	July 15, 1941	
Lt Col	Jan 23, 1942	
Col	Dec 22, 1942	Apr 2, 1948
Brig Gen	Aug 24, 1944	Apr 7, 1954
Maj Gen	Dec 22, 1950	Mar 10, 1958
Lt Gen	June 30, 1959	
Gen	Oct 1, 1962	

(Date of Rank: October 1, 1962)

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Gen John P. McLaren

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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT H. McCUTCHEON

Major General Robert H. McCutcheon is the Commander of the Ogden Air Materiel Area (OOAMA), Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

General McCutcheon was born in Damascus, Va., on Oct. 11, 1917. He graduated from Berea College, Berea, Ky., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1939 and entered the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet in June of that year. In March 1940 he received his pilot wings and commission as a reserve second lieutenant at Kelly Field, Tex. He received his regular commission through a competitive examination in 1941.

His first assignment was to Mitchel Field, N.Y., with the 18th Reconnaissance Squadron. He remained with this squadron as pilot and flight leader during successive moves to Langley Field, Va., Muroc Lake, Calif., and combat in New Guinea. In October 1942 he was named Commander of the 71st Bombardment Squadron, and in 1943 after leading his squadron in the battle of the Bismarck Sea, he became operations officer for the 38th Bombardment Group.

He returned to the United States in late 1943 and served as operations officer for a B-26 operational training group before being assigned to Headquarters Army Air Forces in the field office of the Air Inspector.

He entered the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1947, achieved the rating of Baker Scholar, and graduated with high distinction in June 1949 with a Master of Business Administration degree. Following a year's training with industry, he served from 1950-1955 at Headquarters Air Materiel Command (AMC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as Chief, Plans and Programs Office; Chief Guided Missiles Division; Chief, Weapon Systems Division; and then as Executive to the Director of Procurement and Production.

The general then served as Commander of the Air Materiel Command base in Sevilla, Spain, until October 1956 when he was assigned to Wiesbaden, Germany where he served as Director of Procurement and Production, Director of Materiel and then Deputy Commander of the Air Materiel Force in Europe.

General McCutcheon returned to the United States in 1958 to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force in June 1959. Following an eight months assignment in the Office of the Director of Programs he moved to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1962 he was made Director for Procurement Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Installations and Logistics.

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In July 1965 General McCutcheon became the Director of Procurement and Production, Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and served in that capacity until Dec. 15, 1967, when he was assigned as Commander, Ogden Air Materiel Area.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Distinguished Unit Citation.

General McCutcheon married the former Elizabeth (Bettye) White of Anchorage, Ky. They have two sons, Robert H. Jr., and Patrick J.

PERSONAL FACT SHEET

A. Personal Data:

1. Born - Oct. 11, 1917, Damascus, Va., father - Jesse Roberts McCutcheon; mother - Effie Jane Rhea McCutcheon.
2. Married - Aug. 6, 1943; wife - Elizabeth (Bettye) White McCutcheon; children - Robert H. Jr., and Patrick J.
3. Hometown - Bishop, Va.

B. Education:

1. Graduate Big Creek High School, War, W.Va., 1934.
2. Graduate Berea College, Berea, Ky., B.A. degree, 1939.
3. Graduate Flying School, Kelly Field, Tex., 1940.
4. Graduate Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, MBA degree, 1949.
5. Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Wash., D.C., 1959.

C. Service:

1. June 1939 - Mar 1940 Flying Cadet, Randolph and Kelly Flds., Tex.
2. Mar 1940 - July 1943 Co-pilot, Pilot, Flt. Leader, Sq. Comdr., & Gp. Ops. Off. in U.S. & SWPA 22d & 38th Bomb. Gps.
3. Aug 1943 - Oct 1943 Gp. Ops. Off., 21st Medium Bomb. Gp., MacDill Field, Fla.
4. Oct 1943 - May 1944 Field Office of the Air Inspector, Hq. USAF, Tampa, Fla.
5. May 1944 - Oct 1944 Detached Service, South America, Central Africa, Middle East, India, Burma, China, North Africa, Italy, Corsica, Sardinia and Tampa, Fla.
6. Oct 1944 - July 1947 Field Air Inspector, Hq. USAF at Orlando, Fla., and Gunter Fld., Ala.
7. Aug 1947 - June 1949 Student, Harvard Graduate School of Business, Cambridge, Mass.
8. July 1949 - Aug 1950 Training with Industry, Convair, Ft. Worth, Tex.
9. Sept 1950 - July 1955 Chief, Plans and Programs Office; Chief, Guided Missiles Div.; Chief, Weapon Systems Div.; Exec. to the Dir., Procurement and Production, Hq. AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

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10. Aug 1955 - Oct 1956 Comdr., 3090th Spt. Gp., Spain Air Materiel Area, Sevilla, Spain.

11. Nov 1956 - July 1958 Dir., Procurement and Production; Dir., Procurement, Production and Supply; Dir. of Materiel; and Dep. Comdr., Air Materiel Force, European Area, Wiesbaden, Germany.

12. Aug 1958 - June 1959 Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. Lesley J. McNair, Wash., D.C.

13. June 1959 - Feb 1960 Chief, Program Objectives Div., Directorate of Programs, DCS/P&P, Hq. USAF, Wash., D.C.

14. Feb 1960 - Feb 1962 Staff Dir., Procurement Specialist Div., Office of Asst. Sec. of Defense, Installations and Logistics, Wash., D.C.

15. Feb 1962 - July 1965 Dir. for Procurement Policy, Office of Asst. Sec. of Defense, Installations and Logistics, Wash., D.C.

16. July 1965 - Dec 1967 Dir. of Procurement and Production, Hq. AFLC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

17. Dec 1967 - Present Commander, Ogden Air Materiel Area, Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC), Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

D. Decorations and Service Awards:

Legion of Merit w/2 oak leaf clusters	World War II Victory Medal
Air Medal	National Defense Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal w/1 oak leaf cluster	w/1 service star
Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem	Air Force Longevity Service
American Defense Service Medal	Award Ribbon w/5 oak leaf clusters
American Campaign Medal	
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	
w/3 service stars	

E. Effective Dates of Promotions:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2d Lt (Res)	Mar 24, 1940	
2d Lt (Reg)	July 1, 1941	July 1, 1941
1st Lt (AUS)	June 2, 1942	July 1, 1944
Capt	Mar 1, 1942	
Maj	Nov 10, 1942	July 1, 1948
Lt Col	Feb 21, 1944	Oct 19, 1950
Col	Jan 19, 1951	Apr 11, 1957
Brig Gen	Oct 6, 1963	Apr 30, 1965
Maj Gen	May 1, 1967	

(Date of rank July 1, 1962)





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Brig Gen Stephen D. McElroy

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FORMER AFLC COMMANDER  
GEN. McKEE RETIRES

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When the U. S. Air Force honors its retiring Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. William F. McKee, at a full-scale review at Andrews Air Force Base on July 31, few there will realize they are paying tacit tribute to the four-star general's father, Dr. Thomas K. McKee of Saltville, Va.

The 91-year old doctor will be unable to be present to see his son honored by the Secretary of the Air Force, Eugene M. Zuckert, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, by marching units, and a fly-by of aircraft from Tactical Air Command and Military Air Transport Service.

Several hundred military and civilian leaders of the Armed Services, congressional leaders and other government officials plus ambassadors and foreign air attaches will join in a colorful tribute to the officer who has held the No. 2 military position in the Air Force.

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General McKee's father is a legendary character to all who know General "Bozo" McKee well. General McKee speaks frequently of his father. He often quotes the old doctor's words of common sense as they apply to various day-to-day problems of human relations. Their recurring theme is "integrity."

General McKee, a young 58, is winding up more than 35 years of one of the most uniquely distinguished careers in Air Force history. Top-level management has been his specialty.

He first was tapped for this kind of assignment by Gen. Henry H. ("Hap") Arnold the "father of the modern Air Force," who in 1942 asked the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, to send him eight officers qualified for staff duty at headquarters of the Army Air Forces.

During the next four years he served under General Arnold in the Directorate of Air Defense, and later as Deputy Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Operations, Commitments and Requirements.

"General Arnold taught me a lot about management," says General McKee. "He believed in direct action and eyeball-to-eyeball contact with his staff whenever possible.

"I remember one Friday late in November or early in December 1942. My desk buzzer sounded off and General Arnold's voice came over the receiver. He said, 'McKee come down immediately.' I hurried to his office and he said: 'I want a complete air defense plan for North Africa as soon as possible. I want it by Sunday afternoon.'

"I checked out the problem with as many key staff officers as possible, and on Sunday afternoon I went to see General Arnold. 'I'm having trouble coordinating the plan,' I told him. 'It seems there are serious misunderstandings with the War Department about just how to set up an effective air defense plan in North Africa.' And I suggested that he send someone there to study the problem and talk to the people on the spot.

"'Why didn't you tell me that before?' said General Arnold. 'I want you to take on that job right away.'

"My boss, Brig. Gen. Gordon P. Saville, and five others of us took off for Africa on December 8, delivering a new B-17. Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Jr. (then Col.) was the pilot and General Saville, the copilot. Gen. John B. Montgomery (then Lt. Col.) was navigator. We flew from Washington via West Palm Beach, Trinidad, Belem, Natal and Ascension Island, and arrived in Accra on the 14th.

"During the next two weeks we contacted key Army and Air Force officers in Marrakech, Oran, Algiers and Casablanca. We talked with Generals Patton and Eisenhower, and with Generals Spaatz, Vandenberg, Norstad and Doolittle. Before we started back in a converted B-24 on the 28th, we had put together an improved air defense plan.

"General Spaatz had arrived in Africa earlier that month to be Eisenhower's deputy for air. He helped work out a new doctrine to give the tactical air commander full control of his air units supporting the ground commander. A couple of months later the British and American air command were merged into a single organization under General Spaatz. In March and April our forces gained air superiority over the Axis air forces in North Africa."



General McKee was away from the Pentagon for about 18 months, beginning in January 1946, when he was appointed Chief of Staff of Air Transport Command, the forerunner of today's Military Air Transport Service.

That August he went to Paris as Commanding General of the European Division of Air Transport Command. In December 1946 he transferred to headquarters of the U. S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) at Wiesbaden, Germany, and the following month became Commanding General of Headquarters Command of USAFE.

He returned to the Pentagon to become the U. S. Air Force's first Assistant Vice Chief of Staff on September 27, 1947.

General McKee has been directly involved in a remarkable number of the most important organizational and management actions the Air Force has taken in the past 18 years. And many of the Air Force's organizational and management innovations have had great influence on administrative concepts and procedures adopted throughout the Department of Defense and American industry.

He has worked quietly behind the scenes, with little public notice, on the staffs of virtually all of the Air Force's highest military leaders -- General "Hap" Arnold, Gen. Carl S. (Tooe) Spaatz, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Gen. Lauris Norstad, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, and Gen. Curtis E. LeMay. McKee worked with Gen. Thomas D. White when White was Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in Air Force headquarters.

In the newly independent Department of the Air Force, General McKee worked closely with its first Secretary, Stuart Symington, now the senior Senator from Missouri.

Symington's chief management expert, an Assistant Secretary in 1947, will lead the salute to General McKee at his retirement review. The former Assistant Secretary is Eugene M. Zuckert, who has been Secretary of the Air Force since 1961.

Secretary Zuckert said last week: "I've known Bozo McKee for years. I knew of him first during World War II when he was one of General Arnold's bright young men. And I worked closely with him while I was here for four and a half years during the formative stages of the new Department of the Air Force, and ever since he became Vice Chief of Staff two years ago. And in between his Pentagon tours, when he was Vice Commander of Air Materiel Command and Commander of Air Force Logistics Command, I saw him often.

"Bozo McKee has always had the ability to distill the essence out of complicated problems and then figure the answer on how to get the job done. He has been an effective administrator also because he is really zealous in keeping the lines of communication open -- making sure that the people working for him and with him know what he wants them to know.

"He's a vigorous man. He knows the problems of the Pentagon, the Government, the Congress and the Nation. He knows the proper place of the military in a democracy. He knows how to cooperate with people in Congress and throughout the rest of the Government.

"Stuart Symington once told me that he rated Bozo McKee as the finest administrator he had ever known. In echoing that sentiment, I don't think I can say more."



Air Force historians credit General McKee, along with Generals Spaatz, Vandenberg and Norstad, as one of the four chief military architects of the organizational structure of the Air Force. They helped establish the basic Air Staff organization in headquarters and the major command structure that the Nation's aerospace arm has today.

McKee's six years as Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, where he supervised the Air Staff from 1947 to 1953, saw great changes in the Air Force, as in all the Armed Services, as they coped with the post-war Communist aggression. The Air Force expanded rapidly during the successful airlift that freed the West Berliners from blockade by the Soviets, and in the war to turn back the Communist invasion of the Republic of Korea.

For the next nine years General McKee was a key administrator in the world-wide procurement, supply and maintenance operation of the Air Force, with headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Again, during most of this period, he was the staff man, teamed with management leaders Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings, now retired and president of General Mills Corporation, and Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, also retired.

Management innovations and cost reduction actions initiated by the Rawlings-McKee and Anderson-McKee teams at Air Materiel Command stepped up the readiness of Air Force combat units and saved billions of dollars.

At General Rawlings' request, McKee reorganized the headquarters staff. The command became the world's largest user of automatic data processing equipment. Largely through McKee's efforts, all overseas supply depots and vast extra supply stocks were eliminated. Through

use of careful advanced planning, electronic communications and computers, plus airlift, Air Force units around the globe were supplied more quickly and efficiently from depots in the United States.

To meet more effectively the technological competition with the USSR, the Air Force reorganized two major commands in 1961 to form the Air Force Systems Command, under Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, and Air Force Logistics Command, under General McKee.

"Benny and I decided right from the beginning to resolve all our problems at our level and not to pass the buck to the Air Staff," says General McKee. "A year after we reorganized, not one problem had gone to the Pentagon."

General LeMay called General McKee back to Air Force Headquarters when Gen. Frederic H. Smith, Jr. retired as Vice Chief of Staff two years ago. There he has handled the day-to-day business of running the Air Force for the Chief of Staff, whose time is taken up mainly with Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, and Congressional activities. In General LeMay's absence General McKee has assumed the responsibilities of the Air Force Chief of Staff.

It's a demanding job in an organization of more than 1.6 million people -- 856,000 military, 333,000 civilian personnel and 412,000 Air Force Reservists and Guardsmen -- with a budget of more than \$20 billion and complex missile, space, and aircraft assignments around the planet.

General McKee has been closely associated with General LeMay since 1945 -- when LeMay was the first Deputy Chief of Staff for Research and

Development, and during the nearly 10 years that LeMay was Commander in Chief of Strategic Air Command. Throughout the past two years the two have maintained an intimate working relationship, with General McKee serving as General LeMay's "right arm."

Last May, General LeMay called a special meeting of key members of the Air Staff to announce that Gen. John P. McConnell had been selected and approved to replace General McKee when the Vice Chief of Staff retired. General McKee was absent from the headquarters at the time.

General LeMay chose this time to praise General McKee for the outstanding job he had done as his Vice Chief. He reminded the staff that he had made it clear when General McKee had first come in, that if there were any disagreements or complaints from any of the Deputy Chiefs of Staff, he wanted to be told about it immediately. He said that he had heard none whatsoever. This in itself, General LeMay said, justified the full confidence that he had had in General McKee.

Neither pilot nor navigator, General McKee has risen higher than any other "nonrated" officer in the Air Force. This is encouraging to other nonflying officers, some of whom feel that the best jobs go to the "flying types."

"The future for both rated and nonrated officers in the Air Force is unlimited," says General McKee. "After all, the Air Force is headed toward space at the same time we improve our global air operations. Our space systems are in the same relative state as the airplane was in 1910. The advancement of nonrated officers will depend only on their ability and how hard they work. We have close to 50 nonrated generals in the Air Force right now."



Sharing the honors at the retirement review and at the formal dinner and reception will be Mrs. McKee, who attended Arizona State Teachers College and Chicago Musical College before her marriage to General McKee in October 1934.

"She's my most objective advisor," says General McKee. "And she's been my strongest bulwark in times of stress and strain."

Their two sons, Christopher Fulton and William St. John, will attend the ceremonies. Chris, a graduate student at the University of California, is working on his Ph.D. in nuclear physics, after having been graduated from Harvard, summa cum laude, in three years. Bill, a ranking scholar at Yale, will be a junior next year.

Although General McKee's 91-year old father will not be able to attend the ceremony, he is certain to be there in spirit.

"He ought to be," says General McKee, "he got me into this back in 1924. I was attending Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia, when he brought me a letter one day from our Congressman, Mr. C. Bascom Slemp, wanting to know if I was interested in going to West Point.

"My father said, 'If you think you're so smart, why don't you try competing with these fellows who are going to take the entrance exam in Washington?'

"I rose to the bait and in a few weeks I took the exam. The next thing I knew I was standing at attention with my chin tucked in. It was July 1925, and I was at West Point, wondering how I got there."

As it turned out -- 39 years and four stars later -- he got there, and where he is today, in much the same way that others have moved up the ranks in their special fields.

What so many top Air Force military and civilian leaders have seen in him through the years, and wanted to add to their staffs, are the qualities that "Bozo" ascribes to his father -- industry, integrity, common sense and good humor.

Citations in his service record only hint at the stories he could tell -- about his relationship to the 509th Composite Group that dropped history's first atomic weapons; his four years with the fabulous Hap Arnold; his six years with the extraordinary Hoyt Vandenberg; and about dozens of other dynamic persons who fashioned the Nation's air arm and then its aerospace force.

General and Mrs. McKee plan to make their home in Washington, D. C. after a vacation in August.

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~~LIEUTENANT~~ GENERAL WILLIAM FULTON McKEE  
VICE COMMANDER, AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND

PART I - Narrative

William F. McKee was born at Chilhowie, Virginia, October 17, 1906. He was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps of the Regular Army June 13, 1929.

His first assignment upon graduation was with the 13th Coast Artillery at Fort Barrancas, Florida. He then went to Fort Randolph in the Canal Zone where he served as a battery officer in the First Coast Artillery. After two years service at that station, he was transferred to the 63rd Coast Artillery at Fort MacArthur, California, where he served as Battery Commander, Assistant Adjutant of the Harbor Defenses of Los Angeles, and later Executive Officer of the Civilian Conservation Corps in that area.

In September 1935, he became a student at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and upon completion of the course the following June, was assigned to Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands, as Regimental Adjutant, Plans Training and Intelligence Officer, and Battery Commander of the 63rd Coast Artillery.

Returning to the United States in October 1938, he was assigned to the Presidio of San Francisco, California, as an assistant to G-2, Ninth Corps Area.

The following October he was again ordered to foreign duty - this time at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, where he became Battery Commander and later Commanding Officer of the 66th Coast Artillery, transferring with that organization to Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico. Later he became Executive Officer of the Caribbean Interceptor Command under Major General Follett Bradley.

In October 1941, he returned to the United States for assignment to the 71st Coast Artillery at Fort Story, Virginia, as Battalion Commander and Regimental Adjutant of the First Battalion. He later performed the same duties when his division moved to the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Va.

In January 1942, he was assigned to Hqs Army Air Forces and was later appointed Chief of the Anti-Aircraft and Airdrome Defense Section and Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division. Shortly thereafter, he became Executive Officer for the Directorate of Air Defense.



In November 1943, he became Deputy Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Operations, Commitments and Requirements, which correspond roughly to the present office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations.

In January 1946, he was appointed Chief of Staff of Air Transport Command with headquarters at Washington. The following August he went to Europe as Commanding General of the European Division, ATC, with station at Paris, France. In December 1946, he transferred to headquarters of the U. S. Air Force in Europe at Wiesbaden, Germany, and the following month became Commanding General of the Headquarters Command of USAFE at Wiesbaden.

Returning to the United States in August 1947, he was assigned to the office of the Deputy Chief of Air Staff at USAF Headquarters in Washington and named Assistant Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Administration. He was appointed Assistant Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force September 27, 1947.

He was assigned to Headquarters, Air Materiel Command as Vice Commander on June 10, 1953.

On April 1, 1961 Air Materiel Command was redesignated Air Force Logistics Command.

Rated an Aircraft Observer, General McKee has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He was presented the first annual Distinguished Management-Award of the Air Force Association on July 31, 1957.

## PART II - Personalized Material

### A. Interests

1. Hobbies - golf
2. Active interest in local, national and civic activities

### B. Opinions, Tastes and Evaluations

1. Especially fond of Mexican food and French cooking.
2. Particularly interested in books and articles on international affairs and politics.
3. Philosophy of life - Consideration for others and their opinions.
4. Demands complete personal and official integrity in dealing with others.

### PART III - Fact Sheet

#### A. Personal Data

1. Born October 17, 1906 - Chilhowie, Virginia;  
Parents - Dr. Thomas K. McKee and Mattie S. McKee (deceased)
2. Date of marriage - October 20, 1934; wife - Gertrude S. McKee;  
children - Christopher Fulton McKee and William St. John McKee
3. Official home address - 419 D Street
4. Civilian organizations, honors, etc. - President of Armed  
Forces Relief and Benefit Association.

#### B. Education

1. Graduate of U. S. Military Academy 1929
2. Graduate of Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va., 1936

#### C. Service

1929 - 1942 Army assignments  
1942 - 1943 Hq Army Air Forces Chief, Anti-Aircraft Section and  
Executive Officer, Directorate of Air Defense  
1943 - 1946 Deputy Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Operations,  
Commitments and Requirements, Hq AAF  
Jan 1946 - Chief of Staff of Air Transport Command  
Aug 1946 - Commanding General - European Division, ATC  
Jan 1947 - Commanding General, Hq Command USAFE, Wiesbaden, Germany  
Aug 1947 - Office of Deputy Chief of Air Staff, Headquarters, USAFE  
Sep 1947 - Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, USAF  
Jun 10, 1953 - April 1, 1961 - Vice Commander, AMC  
Apr 1, 1961 - present - Vice Commander, AFLC

#### D. Decorations and Medals

Distinguished Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster  
Distinguished Management Award - Air Force Associations

#### E. Promotions

He was appointed to 1st Lieutenant on November 1, 1934; to Captain on June 13, 1939; to Major (temporary) on October 10, 1941; to Lieutenant Colonel (temporary) on February 1, 1942; to Colonel (temporary) on September 14, 1942; to Brigadier General (temporary) on January 23, 1945; to Major (permanent) on June 13, 1946; to Major General (temporary) on October 31, 1947; to Colonel (permanent) on April 2, 1948; to Brigadier General (permanent) on January 27, 1950, with date of rank from September 25, 1949; to permanent Major General on July 21, 1952 with date of rank from October 7, 1949, and to Lieutenant General (temporary) on August 31, 1957.

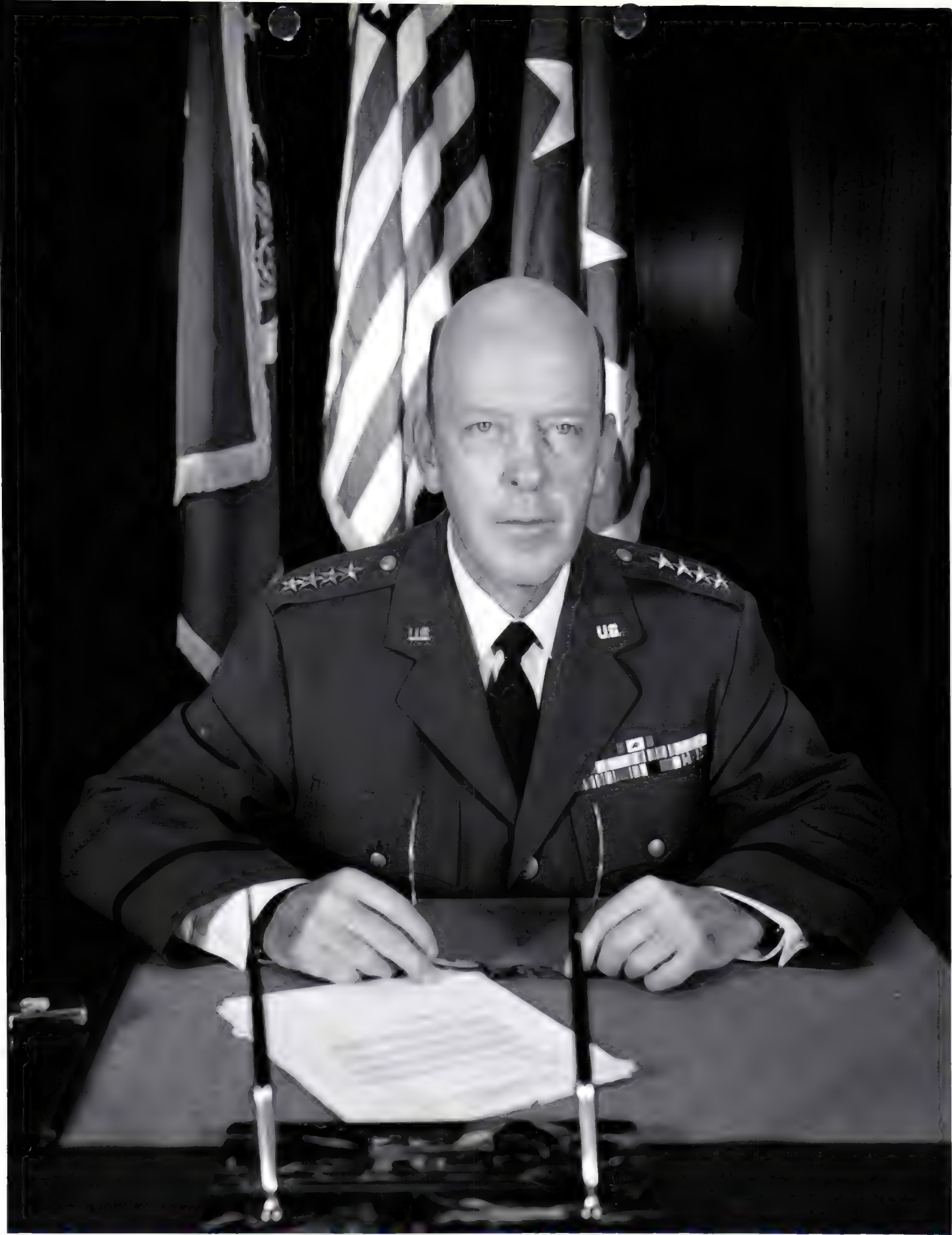
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Major General George W. McLaughlin  
Commander, Sacramento Air Logistics Center  
McClellan Air Force Base, California

Major General George W. McLaughlin became commander of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center in August 1972. His last assignment before his arrival at McClellan was as deputy chief of staff, Materiel, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

A native of Ohio, General McLaughlin has seen continuous Air Force service since late 1941, and during World War II participated in the invasion of Europe flying close air support.

Post-war assignments included installations in Maryland, South Carolina, Washington, D. C., Germany, and Vietnam. During the Vietnam conflict, the ALC commander served as director of the Seventh Air Force Tactical Air Control Center.

He is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio), the Air War College, and the Command and Staff College, and is a command pilot with more than 5,700 flying hours.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster.

As commander of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, General McLaughlin supervises some 15,000 civilians and 1,500 military personnel whose mission is providing management, maintenance and supply support for aircraft, surveillance and warning systems, and missile systems used throughout the Air Force.

He is married to the former June Bohandy, and they have one son and one daughter.

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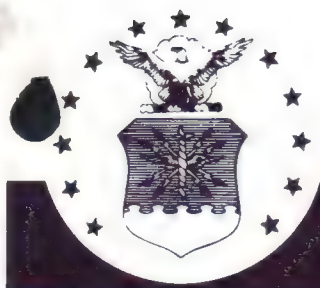




Maj. Gen. Melvin G. McRickle

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# Biography

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL MELVIN F. MCNICKLE

Major General Melvin F. McNickle is Chief of Staff of Air Force Logistics Command with headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

General McNickle was born on Jan. 30, 1914, in Doland, S. Dak., where he graduated from high school in 1932. He was graduated from the University of South Dakota, in 1936, with a bachelor of arts degree and received a reserve commission in the U.S. Army. He has a twin brother, Lieutenant General Marvin L. McNickle, USAF.

He completed pilot training in February 1938 at Kelly Field, Tex., and joined the 94th Pursuit Squadron at Selfridge Field, Mich., where he remained until May 1941. He then became a Special Observer in England and later was Assistant Air Attache in London.

In 1943 General McNickle became Commanding Officer, 78th Pursuit Group. In July 1943 during an air battle while flying a P-47 aircraft over the Dutch-German border his plane was hit, and he was seriously wounded. He was credited with one German aircraft destroyed. Dutch underground workers rescued him, but due to a lack of medical supplies, they were unable to provide adequate medical care and were forced to turn him over to the Germans. He remained a prisoner of war until April 1945 when he returned to the United States.

General McNickle was assigned in August 1945 to the I Fighter Command at Mitchel Field, N.Y., and remained until the unit was deactivated. In March 1946 he was transferred to the Engineering Division of Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where his assignments included: Chief, Components and Systems Laboratory; Chief of Operations, Electronic Sub-Division; and in March 1951 he became Chief, Armament Laboratory, Wright Air Development Center.

He entered the Air War College in August 1952 and after graduation in July 1953 was assigned to the Twelfth Air Force in Germany as Director of Operations and Training. In July 1954 he became Commander, 50th Fighter Bomber Wing at Hahn, Germany. In July 1955 he was assigned to Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe at Wiesbaden, Germany, as Chief of Staff.

General McNickle returned to the United States in June 1956 and was assigned to Headquarters Air Force Systems Command as Assistant Deputy Commander, Aircraft Weapon Systems, and later as Deputy Commander, Weapon Systems.

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In September 1960 he was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force as Director of Supply and Services, Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems and Logistics. He assumed command of Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area in January 1964.

General McNickle became Chief of Staff, Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, in August 1968.

He is a command pilot. His military decorations include the Distinguished Flying cross, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, and Czechoslovakia Pilot Badge. He was presented the Great Shield of Germany by the State of Rhineland-Palatinate for outstanding German-American Community service and is the only United States citizen that has been awarded this decoration.

General McNickle is married to the former Myrtle Shaver of Dayton, Ohio. They have one daughter, Mary Louise. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

He was promoted to the temporary grade of major general effective April 17, 1962, with date of rank Sept. 11, 1957.

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Biographical Sketch

GENERAL JACK G. MERRELL

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General Jack G. Merrell is the Commander of Air Force Logistics Command. He is responsible for keeping the Air Force's aerospace weapon systems in a constant state of readiness -- whether they are in the United States, Europe, Southeast Asia or some other part of the world.

Born in Jeannette, Pennsylvania on April 8, 1915, he graduated from high school there in 1933. He is a 1939 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Within a year after leaving West Point, he had finished both primary and advanced flying school, thereby earning his pilot's wings.

**In May 1944 he became the Air Executive Officer of the 491st Bombardment Group stationed in England. He later was commander of the 389th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force There. At the end of the war he moved with the 389th to Charleston, South Carolina.**

From November 1945 until June 1948, he served with the then Air Transport Command at Cincinnati, Ohio; Memphis, Tennessee; Ft. Totten, New York; and Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts.

Postwar reorganization changed the Air Transport Command into the Military Air Transport Service (MATS) and soon after July 1948, General Merrell became Chief of Staff for its Atlantic Division. After a year, he was made Commander of Kindley Air Force Base, Bermuda. In September 1951, he was assigned to command the 1600th Air Transport Wing, operating out of Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts. From that assignment, he went to the Air War College at Maxwell Field, Alabama, where he graduated in 1954.

General Merrell's next duty tour was at U.S. Air Force Headquarters in Washington where he first was Chief of the Plans and Programs Division in July 1954, and a year later, Deputy Director of Personnel Planning for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

In 1959, he was reassigned to MATS at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. There he was Deputy Commander, then Commander of MATS' Eastern Transport Air Force. From

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McGuire, he went to MATS (now MAC -- Military Airlift Command) Headquarters, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, in September 1960 to become Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans.

In January 1962, he returned to Washington, D.C., to serve as Director of the Budget, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. He became Comptroller of the Air Force in November of 1964. His next assignment took him back to Europe as Vice Commander of U.S. Air Forces, Europe.

He assumed his present position as Commander, Air Force Logistics Command on March 29, 1968. His promotion to the four-star rank of General also was effective on that date.

A command pilot, General Merrell has earned the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Croix de Guerre (France).

PERSONAL FACT SHEET

A. Personal Data

1. Born Apr 8, 1915, Jeannette, Pa.; father - Roland; mother - Minnie S. Merrell.
2. Married June 15, 1940; wife - Martha Bassett of Dallas, Tex.; children - Jack, Jr., and Elizabeth Suzanne.
3. Hometown: Stuart, Fla.

B. Education

1. Graduate Jeannette High School, Jeannette, Pa., 1933.
2. Attended Bradens at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N.Y.
3. Graduate U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 1939.
4. Graduate Primary Flying School, Kelly Field, Tex., 1940.
5. Graduate Advanced Flying School, Randolph Field, Tex., 1940.
6. Graduate Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., 1954.

C. Service

1. Sept 1935 - June 1939 Cadet U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
2. July 1939 - June 1940 Primary and Advanced Flying Schools, Randolph and Kelly Fields, Tex.
3. June 1940 - Oct 1940 Flying Instructor, Randolph Field, Tex.
4. Nov 1940 - Mar 1942 Assistant Supervisor, Engineering and Operations Officer, Air Corps Training Detachment, Lakeland, Fla.
5. Mar 1942 - Sept 1943 Commanding Officer, 60th Army Air Forces Flying Training Detachment, Lakeland, Fla.
6. Sept 1943 - Dec 1943 Provisional Commanding Officer, Training, 39th Bombardment Group, Tucson, Ariz.
7. Dec 1943 - Apr 1944 Deputy Commander, 491st Bombardment Group, Tucson, Ariz., and later Pueblo, Colo.
8. May 1944 - Apr 1945 Air Executive Officer, 491st Bombardment Group, England.
9. Apr 1945 - Nov 1945 Commander, 389th Bombardment Group, England and later Charleston, S.C.
10. Nov 1945 - Oct 1946 Deputy and later Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, Cincinnati, Ohio, then Memphis, Tenn.
11. Oct 1946 - June 1948 Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Hq Atlantic Div., Air Transport Command, Fort Totten, N.Y., then Westover AFB, Mass.
12. July 1948 - May 1949 Chief of Staff, Atlantic Division, MATS, Westover AFB, Mass.
13. June 1949 - Sept 1951 Commander, Kindley Air Force Base, Bermuda.
14. Sept 1951 - July 1953 Commander, 1600th Air Transport Wing, Westover AFB, Mass.

15. July 1953 - July 1954 Student Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. July 1954 - Sept 1956 Chief, Plans and Programs Division, later Deputy Director, Personnel Planning, DCS for Personnel, U.S. Air Force Hq., Wash., D.C.
17. Sept 1956 - Jan 1957 Special temporary duty as Senior AF representative with official study group, Defense Department Advisory Committee on Professional & Technical Compensation, Office of Secretary of Defense, Wash., D.C.
18. Jan 1957 - July 1959 Deputy Director, Personnel Planning, DCS for Personnel, U.S. Air Force Hq., Wash., D.C.
19. July 1959 - Aug 1960 Deputy Commander, then Commander, Eastern Transport Air Force, MATS, McGuire AFB, N.J.
20. Aug 1960 - Jan 1962 Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, MATS, Scott AFB, Ill.
21. Jan 1962 - Oct 1964 Director of the Budget, Air Force Comptroller, U.S. Air Force Hq., Wash., D.C.
22. Nov 1964 - Mar 68 Comptroller of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Hq., Wash., D.C.
23. Mar 1968 - Present Commander of the Air Force Logistics Command Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

D. Decorations and Service Awards/Awards

Legion of Merit w/1 oak leaf  
cluster  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Air Medal  
Commendation Medal  
American Defense Service  
Medal  
European-African-Middle  
Eastern Campaign Medal

Army of Occupation Medal (Germany)  
American Campaign Medal  
World War II Victory Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Air Force Longevity Service Award  
w/5 bronze oak leaf clusters  
Croix de Guerre (France)

E. Effective Dates of Promotion

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2d Lt		12 June 1939
1st Lt	2 Oct 1940	12 June 1942
Capt	4 Apr 1942	
Maj	20 Aug 1942	
Lt Col	29 Feb 1944	2 July 1948
Col	22 Nov 1948	23 July 1953
Brig Gen	5 Aug 1957	7 Mar 1961
Maj Gen	7 Mar 1961	28 Feb 1963
Lt Gen	1 Nov 1964	
Gen	29 Mar 1968	

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MAJOR GENERAL AUGUSTUS M. MINTON, USAF

## PART I - NARRATIVE

Augustus M. Minton was born in Mt. Carmel, Illinois, October 21, 1911. He attended high school at Carmi, Illinois and entered the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois in 1929, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree. He obtained his Master of Science Degree from the Graduate School of Business at Havard University.

General Minton was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers (Res) in June 1933 and entered active duty in February 1935, transferring to the Air Corps in 1941. During World War II he served at various bases and headquarters in the Air Training Command. For his outstanding service as Deputy Chief of Staff, ATC, he was awarded the Legion of Merit. In 1945 he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff of the 20th Air Force in Guam.

After the war he served with Air Materiel Command, Alaska, and in 1951 went to the Air Training Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, where he served as Chief of Staff until 1954. He then moved to Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, where he became commander of this 15,000-man training facility. There he received an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments with the B-52, F-104, jet engine and rocket engine technican training programs.

While at ATC, General Minton served as Chairman of the Air Training Command Installations Engineering Improvement Board. Recommendations adopted by this Board have had far reaching effects on the improvement of Civil Engineer capabilities and enhancement of the career field throughout the Air Force.

The General moved to Air Force headquarters in Washington in 1957 where he was assigned to his present position as Director of Civil Engineering. As such, he is responsible for all construction matters for the Air Force. This includes an annual expenditure of some 3/4 billion dollars for new construction; nearly 3/4 billion dollars spent annually for the maintenance and operation of Air Force facilities; the supervision of a military housing program valued in excess of one billion dollars; and the acquisition, management and disposition of real property and facilities now valued at \$10.7 billion.

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General Minton is a Registered Professional Engineer, with registration in the District of Columbia, and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

General Minton was married at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, September 2, 1937 to the former Catherine Lee of Augusta, Georgia. The Mintons have four children; a daughter Dixie Lee, 20; a son Thomas Lee, 19, a student at George Washington University, and two other sons at home, Charles Augustus, 12, and William Robert, 10.

## PART II - PERSONALIZED MATERIAL

### A. INTERESTS

1. Fishing is General Minton's prime interest in the realm of sports and diversions.

2. He is deeply interested in scouting and has participated in its programs for about ten years although he has not had the opportunity to lend his active support in the Washington area.

### B. OPINIONS, TASTES AND EVALUATIONS

A personal epigram which stands out in General Minton's thoughts is: "A big man accepts a problem as a challenge while a little man accepts it as a frustration."

## PART III - FACT SHEET

### A. PERSONAL DATA

1. Born October 21, 1911, Mt Carmel, Illinois. Married September 2, 1937; Wife - Catherine Lee. Children - Dixie Lee, 20; Thomas Lee, 19; Charles Augustus, 12; William Robert 10.

Permanent Address: RFD #3, Augusta, Georgia

### B. EDUCATION

1. Graduated high school at Carmi, Illinois
2. Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Illinois
3. Master of Science Degree from the Graduate School of Business, Harvard University

### C. SERVICE DATES

Commissioned 10 June 1933 (Corps of Engineer Reserve)

Active duty 10 Feb 1935 to 30 Sep 1939 and continuous service from 1 May 1941.

August 49 - July 51 Comptroller Alaskan Air Command

July 51 - August 54 Chief of Staff, Hq Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Illinois

Aug 54 - Jun 55 - Deputy Wing Commander, 3345th Tech Training Wing, Chanute AFB, Illinois

Jun 55 - Jul 57 - Base Commander, Chanute AFB, Illinois

Jul 57 - present - Director of Civil Engineering, Hq USAF

### D. DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

Legion of Merit - 1945

Legion of Merit 1st Oak Leaf Cluster - 19 Jun 57

Bronze Star Medal - 1945

Commendation Ribbon - 1945

WWII VM - World War II Victory Medal

ADSM - American Defense Service Medal

ACM - Army Commendation Medal

APCM - Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal

AFRM - Air Force Reserve Medal

NDSM - National Defense Service Medal

AFLSA w/4 br OLC - Air Force Longevity Service Award

### E. PROMOTIONS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>TEMPORARY</u>	<u>PERMANENT</u>
Second Lt		10 June 33
First Lt		3 Aug 36
Captain	1 May 41	1 May 41
Major	1 Feb 42	1 Feb 42
Lt Colonel	8 Dec 42	1 Jul 48
Colonel	8 Jun 44	27 Jul 50
B/General	5 Sep 52	
M/General	5 Aug 57	

As of 4 February 1960





GENERAL JACK G. MERRELL  
COMMANDER, AFLC

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BRIGADIER GENERAL RUSSELL J. MINTY, USAF

Russell J. Minty was born in Tyrone Township, Michigan, September 19, 1900. He graduated from high school at Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1919, and entered the U. S. Military Academy, from which he was graduated June 12, 1923, and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Service.

In September, 1923, General Minty entered the primary flying school at Brooks Field, Texas, and graduated in 1924. He then entered the advanced flying school at Kelly Field, Texas, from which he was graduated and rated a pilot in October, 1924, and assigned to Selfridge Field, Michigan, as a squadron engineering officer. In October, 1926, he was transferred to Luke Field, Hawaii, and later served at Wheeler Field, Hawaii.

General Minty was appointed supply officer at Patterson Field, Ohio, in October, 1929. In June, 1930, he entered the Air Corps Engineering School at Wright Field, Ohio, and upon graduation in June, 1931, became chief of the Installation Unit, Power Plant, at Wright Field. From September, 1934, to June, 1935, he studied engineering at the University of Michigan, from which he received his Master of Science degree.

He returned to Wright Field as chief of the Installation Unit, and in July, 1936, became chief inspector at the Rockwell (California) Air Depot. In September, 1938, he entered the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, from which he was graduated in May, 1939.

General Minty then became an Air Corps factory representative at Hartford, Connecticut, and in January, 1941, was named engineering officer at the Ogden (Utah) Air Depot. In February, 1943, he was appointed chief of the Maintenance Division at the Ogden Air Depot, and the following April became chief of the Control Office there. In May, 1943, he became chief of the Maintenance Division of the Sacramento (California) Air Depot.

General Minty was assigned in August, 1943, to command the 81st Air Depot Group at Brisbane, Australia. In February, 1944, he was named commanding officer of the Fourth Air Service Area Command in New Guinea, and in June, 1944, became commander of the Fifth Air Force Service Command there, moving in that capacity to Leyte, Philippine Islands, in January, 1945.

In April, 1945, General Minty returned to the United States for hospitalization. In November, 1945, he became chief of the Power Plant Laboratory at Wright Field. In November, 1949, he assumed command of the 26th Air Division at Roslyn, New York.

General Minty has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross. He is rated a Command Pilot, Combat Observer, and Aircraft Observer.

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## PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant (permanent) February 4, 1928; to captain (permanent) August 1, 1935; to major (temporary) March 11, 1940; to major (permanent) July 1, 1940; to lieutenant colonel (temporary) November 15, 1941; to colonel (temporary) March 1, 1942; to lieutenant colonel (permanent) June 12, 1946; to colonel (permanent) April 2, 1948; to brigadier general (temporary) April 11, 1951.

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BRIG GEN RUSSEL J. MINTY

Permanent address: "The Paws," Rainbow Lake, New York

Born: May 18, 1901

Education: Graduated USMA 1923; University of Michigan, 1 yr, MS in Engineering; (1934-35) Air Corps Engineering School, Wright Fld.

Military Service: Entry on active duty, June 12, 1923; release from active duty, Jan 31, 1954.

Pursuit pilot, Selfridge Field, Mich.

Pursuit pilot, Wheeler Field, Hawaii.

Engineer, Installations Br, Wright Field, Dayton, O.

Test Pilot and Chief Inspector, Rockwell Air Depot, Coronado, Calif.

Chief of Maintenance, Ogden Air Service Area Command, Ogden, U.

\* ~~CO~~, V Air Force Service Command, New Guinea & Phillipines

Chief Power Plant Laboratory, Wright Field, Dayton, O.

CG, 26th Air Defense Div, Roslyn, L.I., N.Y.

\* At Sacramento briefly. *CO, 2 days, 22-24 Jun 43.*

No employment after retirement.

Hobbies: Fishing & Hunting.

Medals & Awards: DSM earned in New Guinea & Phillipines with V Air Force

Dependents: Wife, Cora R. Minty

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